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In re application of

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Group 2811

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SOLID STATE IMAGE SENSOR HAVING PLANARIZED STRUCTURE UNDER LIGHT SHIELDING METAL LAYER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 16, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.